

Docket No. 244748US2SDIV
Inventor: Wataru SAITOH ET AL
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 27-53 are active in this case, Claims 1-26 and 54-71 canceled by the present Preliminary Amendment.

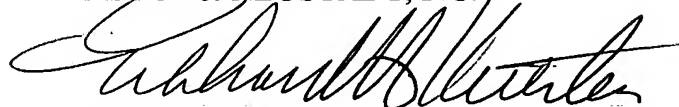
The specification has been amended to reference parent application serial no. 10/163,651, filed June 7, 2002 incorporated in this divisional application by reference. No new matter has been added.

The above changes to the pending Claims correct minor grammatical informalities and are not substantive. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 27-53 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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